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By the Lords Justices, A PROCLAMATION.

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Whereas by Proclamation bearing Date the Eighteenth Day of May *last, We did Declare, That convenient Notice should be given by Proclamation, of the time when the Parliament should Meet and Sit for the Dispatch of Business; We have therefore (with the Advice of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council) thought fit to Issue this Proclamation, hereby Declaring and Publishing, That the Parliament, which is now Prorogued to the Twentieth Day of* October *next, shall on the said Day Meet and Sit for the Dispatch of divers Weighty and Important Affairs. And all the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the House of Commons, are hereby Required and Commanded to give their Attendance accordingly at* Westminster, *the said Twentieth Day of* October *next.*

Given at the Council Chamber at *Whitehall*, the Twenty fourth Day of *September*, 1696. In the Eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

At the Council Chamber in *Whitehall*, the 24th of *September*, 1696.

PRESENT,

Their Excellencies the Lords Justices in Council.

THE *Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury having this Day Represented to their Excellencies the Lords Justices in Council, That they having furnished New Money at the respective Mints in the Country, with Directions that it should be applied to satisfie such Persons as should bring in Clip'd Silver or Plate (according to a late Act of Parliament) after the Rate of Five Shillings Eight Pence* per Ounce, *(to wit, for Clip'd Silver as soon as it is brought in, and for the Plate as soon as it could be Essayed and reduced to Standard.) And having appointed Persons of good Credit at the respective Mints to Pay the said Rate upon the Telling, Weighing, and actual Receipt of the said Moneys; and upon the Receiving, Melting and Stamping of the Clip'd said Plate, and to Register the Deficiency [illegible] Money: And finding that this Provision gives great Satisfaction to the several Counties, and that considerable quantities of Clip'd Money and Plate have been already brought into the several Mints, it is this Day Ordered by Their Excellencies in Council, That the said Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, do take Care to furnish the said Persons with a further Sum sufficient to Exchange and Pay the Recompence for all such Clip'd Silver and Plate, as shall be brought to them, and which they shall deliver in Specie into the several Mints before the Fourth Day of* November *next. And the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury having likewise moved Their Excellencies (at the Desire of several Merchants who have considerable Quantities of Gold Bullion, which they cannot Export, by reason of the present Course of Exchange, without great Loss) that Liberty might be given to Coin the said Gold, they offering to do it at their own Charge, Their Excellencies are pleased to Approve thereof, and to Order that the said Lords Commissioners do direct the Officers of the Mint to Receive and Coin any Gold Bullion that is brought to the Mint, after the First Day of* October *next, the Proprietors paying the Charge of Coinage. And Their Excellencies were also pleased to Direct, That this Order should be Published in the Gazette.*

RICH. COLINGE.

Venice, Sept. 14. N.S. We have received no News from our Fleet, since the Account we had of their sailing from *Porto-Porro*, towards the *Archipelago*. From the Venetian Camp before *Dulcigno* they give an account, by Letters of the 28th past, That a considerable Breach being made in the Wall of the Castle, General *Deisino* ordered an Assault to be given on the 18th past with 450 Men, who met with such Difficulties, that they did not succeed in it. The 19th, the Turks came with 6000 Foot, and 600 Horse, to Succour the Place, and Encamped very near us, and the 21th attack'd both our Wings; the Fight lasted about an hour, and the Turks were repulsed, and retired to their Camp, having lost many of their Men. The Venetians went on with the Siege, and prepared a great Mine, which being ready, was sprung the 24th, but it had not the Effect proposed; upon which, and the advice the General received, that the Turks were reinforced, and intended to attack us again, it was resolved, in a Council of War, to reimbark the Troops; and accordingly the 25th in the Evening they began to Ship the Horse: The 26th in the Morning the Enemy came and attack'd our Right Wing both with their Horse and Foot, but we beat them off twice, killed a great number of them, and took 10 Colours, and the Son of one of their Bassas Priseners. This Success giving the Venetians new Encouragement, they changed their Resolution of raising the Siege; the Troops that were Embarked landed again, and they went on with their Attacks; which so disheartened the Turkish Army, that on the 28th they marched away in great Disorder; And 'twas believed the Town would not hold out many days longer.

Turin, Sept. 18. On the 15th instant the Contract of Marriage between the Duke of *Burgundy* and the Princess of *Piedmont*, was Signed by the said Princess, in the Chapel of the Palace, the Duke and Dutchess of *Savoy*, with the Princes and Princesses of the Blood being present, as also the Pope's Noncio, and the Marquis *de Tesse*, who was lately sent hither by the French King; and the young Princess was thereupon treated with the Title of Dutchess of *Burgundy*. The same day Count *Mansfelt*, the Emperor's Minister, received an Express from *Vienna*, and had afterwards, together with the Spanish Resident, Audience of the Duke of *Savoy*, and a long Conference with the Marquis *de St. Thomas*, his Chief Minister, concerning the proposed Neutrality for *Italy*; which not being accepted, his Royal Highness went hence the next day to command the French Army, and Count *Mansfelt* returned to *Milan*. On the 15th, the Mareschal *de Catinat* decamped from *Villanova* near *Casal*, and having passed the River *Desia*, entred into the Spanish Territories, and advanced, by two days Marches, to *Satirana*; where the Duke of *Savoy* arrived the 17th, and was received with a treble Discharge of all the Artillery; and the day following the Army would march again, in order to Besiege *Valence*. The Army of the Allies marched the 9th of this month from *Car-* [illegible] Encamped that day at *Satirana*, the 10th at *Fres-* [illegible] the 11th at *Pieve del Caire*, and the 12th at *Sancarole*, [illegible] where they continued on the 15th, but in- *Nazaro*; w[illegible]n to *Pavia*, and to Encamp there to tended to march [illegible] In the mean time they had put observe the Enemy; a[illegible]ence, and other Garisons; most of their Foot into *Va*[illegible]e engaged in a Siege, intending, so soon as the French a[illegible]n all the other to draw together again the Troops fr[illegible]ck'd. The Places, and endeavour the Relief of that A[illegible]erol to Duke of *Savoy* has given the Government of *Pig-* [illegible] vs the Marquis *de St. Pierre*, who went thither two d[illegible] ago to take Possession thereof. The French say they will in few days begin to demolish the Fortifications of the Town, but intend to keep the Cittadel in their hands, till the General Peace; and consequently will remain Masters of both. The Mareschal *de Catinat* has left a good Body of Horse and Foot at *Casal*.

Madrid, Sept. 15. On the 9th instant the King of *Spain* was taken ill of a Fever, which has continued ever since, being a Double Tertian: The Fit His Majesty had on the 11th was accompanied with continued Sleeping, which making the Physicians apprehend He was in

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